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Title : **CUP HANDLING SUBSYSTEM FOR AN  
AUTOMATED CLINICAL CHEMISTRY  
ANALYZER SYSTEM**  
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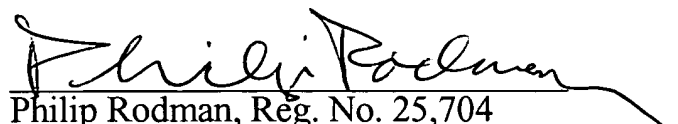
Application support for the correction requested are as follows:

| Error Location<br>In Patent | Correction<br>Requested   | Application<br>Support  |
|-----------------------------|---|---|
| Column 4<br>line 47         | change "number"<br>to --member--  | Grammatical error in<br>specification   |
| Column 6,<br>lines 6-22     | delete "Referring again...detail<br>below"<br>(this is an erroneous repeat of<br>col. 4, lines 36-52) | This text appears only once<br>in the specification at page<br>7, line 19 to page 8, line 6 |
| Column 6,<br>line 64        | change "up"<br>to --of--  | Grammatical error in<br>specification   |
| Column 8,<br>line 28        | change "80"<br>to --180--   | Typographical error in<br>specification<br>(See Figs. 17 and 18)                            |
| Column 8,<br>line 42        | change "235"<br>to --225--  | Typographical error in<br>specification<br>(See Fig. 18)                                    |
| Column 9<br>line 2          | change "115a"<br>to --15a--   | Typographical error in<br>specification<br>(See Fig. 1B)                                    |
| Column 12,<br>line 51       | change "rotatable"<br>to --rotatable--  | Grammatical error in<br>specification   |
| Column 12,<br>line 62       | change "ration"<br>to --ratio--   | Grammatical error in<br>specification   |

Applicant submits that correction of the above errors is supported by the  
file history of this application and does not constitute new matter.

Please contact the undersigned if all of the foregoing errors are not  
deemed correctible by the attached Certificate of Correction.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

**Column 4**

Line 47, change "number" to --member--

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